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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CALL ON LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF  
FINANCE, NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0011 (021030Z JAN 76)

B. VIENTIANE 0014 (050312Z JAN 76)

C. VIENTIANE 0015 (050313Z JAN 76)

1. CONTINUING COURTESY CALLS, ON JANUARY 9 I VISITED NOUHAK  
PHOUMSAVAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE,  
WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (LPRP).  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG ACTED  
AS FRENCH-LAO INTERPRETER ALTHOUGH NOUHAK OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD  
FRENCH VERY WELL. NOUHAK RECEIVED ME IN A VERY WARM AND  
FRIENDLY MANNER AND ASSURED ME THE LAO WANTED IMPROVED  
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. I MADE MY USUAL PRESENTATION  
ON OUR DESIRE FOR NORMAL REALTIONS WITH LAOS, THE DEPARTMENT'S  
SPOKESMAN'S PROMPT STATEMENT ON TONTINUED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
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AFTER THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

OF LAOS AND THE PORTION ON INDOCHINA OF PRESIDENT FORD'S  
DECEMBER 7 REMARKS IN HONOLULU.

2. NOUHAK DID, AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO "BINDING UP THE WOUNDS  
OF WAR." I REVIEWED THE END OF USAID, NOTED THAT I WAS NOT  
IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE MATTERS AND AGAIN REFERRED  
TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER 7 REMARKS.

3. I MENTIONED MY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL  
BANK AND SAID I WAS GLAD TO HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF  
HIM ON THE DETAILS OF OUR BANK ACCOUNTS WHICH HAVE BEEN  
FROZEN FOR FOUR MONTHS. NOUHAK SAID "BO PEN NYANG" ("NEVER  
MIND"), "WE CAN CERTAINLY CLEAR THAT UP."

4. COMMENT: THE ATMOSPHERE OF THIS VISIT WAS EXTREMELY  
FRIENDLY AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT NOUHAK WANTED TO STRESS THE  
CURRENT LAO POLICY LINE OF DESIRING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE  
UNITED STATES AND AT THE SAME TIME "EXPECTING" AT SOME POINT  
A U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO "BINDING UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR."  
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